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In the Torrance and South Bay Area

REVIEW

Senior Play a Hit

By CAROLYN SCHROEDER

South High School's senior class out-did itself in their production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" presented last weekend and it proved worth all the diligent effort put out by all who worked on this play. Von Hershey once again displayed his talent as a drama coach, doing a marvelous job of directing this production and was assisted by Pam Hazelton, senior student. Miss Hazelton was (as fondly quoted by a member of the cast) a "slave-driver" and all their efforts for helping to make this venture a success were well worth it.

Sincere
Ellen Kogan gave a sincere and sensitive portrayal of Anne Frank and captured the hearts of all as the sometimes confused, very witty, tender, and bright Anne. Audiences were overwhelmed and quoted as remarking "very professional" performances by Miss Kogan. Marc Mendelsohn was very convincing as Mr. Frank, trying to keep peace between the families who were forced to go into hiding to escape the Gestapo. Marc's characterization as the concerned yet calm Mr. Frank was capably done. Rosemary Heath was delightful as the vivacious, bubbling, self-centered Mrs. Van Daan who kept the audience chuckling during the brighter moments of the play. Ed Glover was very well cast as Mr. Van Daan playing the role with naturalness and ease. Jan Ruebsamen was very adept in the role of Mrs. Frank and did not stray from being the worried mother, especially during the difficult phase Anne went through.

Cast
The well-rounded supporting cast included: Bill Schapira as Peter Van Daan; John Warf as Mr. Dussel; Jonatha Wass as Margot Frank; Keren Laffey as Miep; Rick Gilbert as Mr. Kraler.

Paudits
Special paudits are extended to Marlin C. Muse, drama coach, who was producer whose set design was complete and authentic in its entirety. Working with Muse on set construction were faculty members: W. J. Maley, K. F. Tuxford and Thomas Rische. The combined teamwork of the backstage production crew (too numerous to mention) helped make this production the success it was.

The Senior Class has every right to be proud of the results of the efforts put forth in this inspiring story.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Perry Elementary PTA will hold its monthly Association meeting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the school cafeteria. Program is entitled, "Kow Your Child. See and Appreciate His Music."

Following a short business meeting, the Christmas program will be presented. Featured will be songs by the first and second grade students. The fifth and sixth grade students will give a choral reading, and the seventh and eighth grade chorus will sing holiday songs under the direction of Paul Needels.

Flag salute will be led by Girl Scout Troop 80. Kindergarten mothers will serve as hostesses for the evening.



SOME OF the prettiest girls in the country are part of the magnificent Polish National Dance Company "Mazowze" which opens a series of performances at the Philharmonic Auditorium, Christmas night, Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Holiday Season Opens at Chapel Theatre

Opening the holiday season at Chapel Theatre in Torrance was the three act comedy by F. Hugh Herbert, "The Moon is Blue" which began Friday.

Although the situation of the play is not unknown to us, the circumstances and occurrences are so comical, this makes such an entertaining evening. The old plot of boy-meets-girl, beginning with the planned pickup of the boy, is a most refreshing bit of sophisticated romantic nonsense.

Directed by Fred West of Los Angeles, assisted by

performed in numerous colleges, Little theatres, TV and radio productions.

Gala opening night ushered in a five weekend schedule, with the theatre dark during the pre-Christmas weekend of Dec. 20, 21 and 22, and will close Jan. 11. Reservations should be made in advance for holiday parties and reservations for any evening, except Dec. 12, 13, 15, Jan. 5 and 9 which have been sold out, by calling Box Office FR 2-9636.

Backstage crew is headed by Lynda Gorchester of Torrance as producer; Dick Obert, stage manager; Steve Sands set designer; Phyllis Palmer set dressing; George Bingham, light design; Becky Sisk and Dana

ROGER WAGNER TO DIRECT ANNUAL COLLEGE CONCERT

Three Marymount College musical groups will combine to present the annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, with Roger Wagner as director of a program consisting of holiday music by Bach, Haydn and Britten.

Taking part will be the Marymount College Glee Club, the Marymount Instrumental Ensemble and the Coro Classico de Palos Verdes Estates campus, and there will be an admission charge of \$1. Tickets may be obtained at the door, and the public is invited to attend.

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Taking part from Torrance will be Jeanne Cletcher, Neomi Jandra, Phyllis Jean Reed, Barbara Boris, and Joyce Richardson.

Final Week For Play 'Curious Savage'

Final curtain call for "The Curious Savage" will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14 at the Footlight Theatre, 3331 Torrance Blvd., Benstead Plunge.

"The Curious Savage" nearly defies classification, with its innumerable laughs and its frank heartstring tugging. It appeals to the better instincts and is constantly diverting. "The Curious Savage" offers an evening of gentle laughter plus a teardrop or two and a dash of wisdom.

It is an unusual play, performed at Footlight with center staging, giving the audience a feeling of being a part of the play. The laughs come with such regularity as to give the work a staccato rhythm. When it comes to grips with its plot, the mood is wistful, and in the end the play drifts for a moment into complete fantasy.

The cast doing a wonderful portrayal of each character is composed of Lana Hicks, Joy Bingham, Irene Conry, Bob Von Bergen, Terrance McCabe, Connie Hauser, Lois Kreigh, Dennis Pierce, Blanche Angus, Dale Love, and Jim O'Donnell. Herman Goodman directs. Reservations and group rates may be made by calling DA 9-5338 for the final performance.

DECORATIONS

A warning that Christmas decorations in the home can create a fire hazard has been given by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council. Non-combustible materials such as metal, glass or asbestos should be used in Yuletide decorations and, if combustible materials are used, the home owner should make certain they are flame-proofed.

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